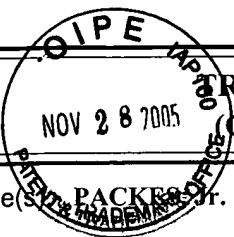


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Docket No.
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Patentee(s): **PACKER, Jr. et al.**

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Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTOMATED PLAY OF LOTTERY GAMES**

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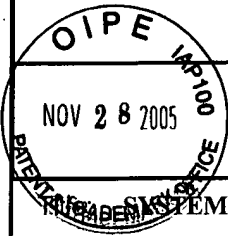
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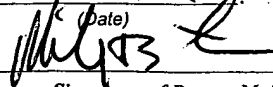
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Application No.: 09/930,717
Filed: August 15, 2001
Issued: November 15, 2005
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTOMATED PLAY OF LOTTERY
GAMES
Attorney Docket No. 00-065

Group Art Unit: 3721
Examiner: John Roger Pardiso

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
DUE TO ERROR ATTRIBUTABLE TO OFFICE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322**

Attn: Certificate of Correction Branch
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Dear Examiner:

Patentees request correction of the above-identified patent. As proof of Office mistake and entitlement to correction, Patentees submit the following:

1. Certificate of Correction;
2. EXHIBIT "A" (Copy of Amendment and Response to the Non-Final Office Action Mailed September 23, 2004); and
3. EXHIBIT "B" (Copy of "Examiner's Amendment" included in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 6, 2005); and
4. EXHIBIT "C" (Copy of claim number 8 as issued).

For the reasons set forth below, Patentees are entitled to correction of the present patent due to Office mistake.

Relevant facts and proof:

On December 23, 2004, Patentees filed an Amendment in which claim number 40 (now claim number 8) was added. (See EXHIBIT "A" at page 5).

On March 7, 2005 in a telephone interview with Examiner Paradiso, Mr. Mike Downs authorized the Examiner to amend then claim number 40 (now claim number 8). In the Examiner's Amendment mailed March 6, 2005, (See EXHIBIT "B" at page 3), the Examiner confirmed Mr. Downs' authorized amendment when he stated the following at paragraph 3(c) in the Notice of Allowability:

- c. In claim 40 between lines 7 and 8, the following words have been inserted:
-- storing an indication of the preference in a database; --

Thus, Patentees and the Examiner agreed that "storing an indication of the preference in a database;" would be inserted after "game outcomes to the communication device;".

Notwithstanding this unequivocal confirmation of Patentees authorized amendment, on November 15, 2005 when Application Serial No. 09/930,717 issued as U.S. 6,964,611 B2, claim number 40 (now issued claim number 8), did not reflect Patentees authorized amendment, nor did it reflect the Examiner's written confirmation of that amendment. (See EXHIBIT "C"). In the issued patent, the text "storing an indication of the preference in a database" was inserted on the improper line. Accordingly, Patentees are entitled to a correction of claim number 8 due to a mistake by the Office.

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Upon a finding that the aforementioned error was attributable to the Office, Patentees request the following corrections as duplicated in the attached Certificate of Correction:

In claim number 8, please **DELETE** the text at line 13 and **INSERT** "storing an indication of the preference in a database;" immediately following line 16 and before line 17 as follows:

8. A method comprising:
receiving a request to provide a plurality of lottery game
outcomes to a communication device of a player;
receiving from the communication device at least one
parameter for providing lottery game outcomes to the
player,
~~storing an indication of the preference in a database;~~
the at least one parameter including a preference for
delivery of the lottery game outcomes to the commu-
nication device;
~~storing an indication of the preference in a database;~~
retrieving an indication of the preference from the data-
base;
determining a first lottery game outcome; and
transmitting the first lottery game outcome to the commu-
nication device accordance with the preference for
delivery of the lottery game outcomes.

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REMARKS

The present correction was made necessary due to a mistake by the Office under 37 CFR §1.322. Issued claim number 8 reflects neither the Patentees authorized amendment, nor the Examiner's confirmation of that amendment. Accordingly, this was a mistake by the Office under 37 CFR §1.322 and no fees are due for this correction.

CONCLUSION

While no fees are believed to be due, Patentees authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be required for this Certificate of Correction to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Request timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Certificate of Correction or the present patent, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Mdowns at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mdowns@walkerdigital.com

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APPLICATION NO. : 09/930,717

ISSUE DATE : November 15, 2005

INVENTOR(S) : Packes, Jr. et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim number 8, please DELETE the text at line 13 and INSERT "storing an indication of the preference in a database;" immediately following line 16 and before line 17 as follows:

8. A method comprising:

receiving a request to provide a plurality of lottery game outcomes to a communication device of a player;
receiving from the communication device at least one parameter for providing lottery game outcomes to the player,

~~storing an indication of the preference in a database;~~

the at least one parameter including a preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes to the communication device;

storing an indication of the preference in a database;

retrieving an indication of the preference from the database;

determining a first lottery game outcome; and

transmitting the first lottery game outcome to the communication device accordance with the preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes.

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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

to the Non-Final Office Action Mailed September 23, 2004 (Paper No. 09192004)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2004 (Paper No. 09192004), consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.

A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S

1 – 31. (CANCELED)

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:
receiving from a player at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes;
storing an indication of the at least one preference for delivery in a database;
determining a plurality of game outcomes;
retrieving the at least one preference for delivery from the database; and
in accordance with the at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes, transmitting the plurality of game outcomes to a communication device that is associated with the player.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32, further comprising:
receiving from the player a preference for revealing game outcomes; and
revealing at least one of the plurality of game outcomes via the communication device in accordance with the preference for revealing game outcomes.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

revealing at least one of the plurality of game outcomes via the communication device in response to a signal from a lottery server.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32, in which transmitting the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device that is associated with the player in accordance with the at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes comprises:

transmitting a first game outcome to the communication device; and
transmitting a second game outcome to the communication device a predetermined period of time after transmitting the first game outcome.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 35, in which no request for delivery of the second game outcome is received from the player after the first game outcome is transmitted.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32, in which transmitting the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device that is associated with the player in accordance with the at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes comprises:

automatically transmitting at least one of the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device in accordance with a schedule.

38. (CANCELLED)

39. (NEW) A method comprising:

- receiving a request by a player to purchase a plurality of lottery game outcomes;
- receiving at least one selection by the player for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player,
- in which each selection comprises at least one of the following:
 - an indication of a time of day to provide a lottery game outcome to the player,
 - an indication of a number of a cellular telephone,
 - an indication of a period of time between delivery of lottery game outcomes,
- and
 - an indication of an e-mail address;
 - determining a first lottery game outcome;
 - communicating the first lottery game outcome to the player in accordance with the at least one selection for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player; and
 - updating a credit balance associated with the player based on the first lottery game outcome.

40. (NEW) A method comprising:
- receiving a request to provide a plurality of lottery game outcomes to a communication device of a player;
 - receiving from the communication device at least one parameter for providing lottery game outcomes to the player,
 - the at least one parameter including a preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes to the communication device;
 - determining a first lottery game outcome; and
 - transmitting the first lottery game outcome to the communication device accordance with the preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes.
41. (NEW) The method of claim 40 in which the preference for delivery comprises at least one time of day at which to provide a lottery game outcome.
42. (NEW) The method of claim 40 in which the preference for delivery comprises a period of time between providing lottery game outcomes.
43. (NEW) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
- automatically transmitting a second lottery game outcome to the communication device after the period of time has passed since transmitting the first lottery game outcome.
44. (NEW) The method of claim 40 wherein the preference for delivery comprises a format for outputting the lottery game outcomes at the communication device.

45. (NEW) The method of claim 40 wherein the preference for delivery comprises a network address.
46. (NEW) The method of claim 45, wherein the network address comprises at least one of:
- an e-mail address, and
 - a telephone number.
47. (NEW) The method of claim 40, wherein the lottery game outcomes comprise predetermined outcomes.
48. (NEW) The method of claim 40, wherein the lottery game outcomes comprise random outcomes.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims **32-37 and 39-48** will be pending (16 total claims)
- Claims **31, 32 and 38** will be the only independent claims (3 independent claims)

Section 102(b) Rejections

Claims **31-38** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,871,398 issued to Schneier et al. ("Schneier"). We respectfully traverse the Examiner's Section 102(b) rejections.

Although we do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, independent Claims 31 and 38 have been cancelled. We reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 31 and 38 in a continuing application.

Although we do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, we have amended independent Claim **32** to recite features of:

- storing an indication of the at least one preference for delivery in a database
- retrieving the at least one preference for delivery from the database

We submit that Schneier does not suggest storing an indication of a preference for delivery in a database, much less retrieving such a preference from a database.

In contrast, some embodiments of the present invention provide for storing an indication of a preference for delivery (and various other types of play options) in a database (*e.g.*, corresponding to a player).

We are not certain exactly what portion of Schneier the Examiner believes suggests an indication of a preference for delivery. Specifically, it is not clear how "payment for each lottery ticket" (see Office Action, page 2) indicates anything about how a player would prefer to have outcomes delivered to him.

Nonetheless, we submit that Claim **32** (and Claims **33-37** dependent therefrom) are allowable over Schneier.

New Claims 39-48 Contain Allowable Subject Matter

None of the cited references suggest that a player may indicate a preference for how outcomes of lottery games are delivered to the player. In contrast, various embodiments of the present invention allow a player to indicate how he would like lottery information to be delivered (e.g., to a communication device associated with the player). None of the references even hints at the desirability of allowing a player to indicate how he would like determined outcomes delivered to him. Accordingly, no combination of the cited references suggests any of the following features:

- *receiving at least one selection by the player for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player, in which each selection comprises at least one of the following:*
 - *an indication of a time of day to provide a lottery game outcome to the player,*
 - *an indication of a number of a cellular telephone,*
 - *an indication of a period of time between delivery of lottery game outcomes, and*
 - *an indication of an e-mail address;*
- *communicating the first lottery game outcome to the player in accordance with the at least one selection for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player*

as recited in new independent Claim 39; or

- *receiving from the communication device at least one parameter for providing lottery game outcomes to the player,*
 - *the at least one parameter including a preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes to the communication device*
- *transmitting the first lottery game outcome to the communication device accordance with the preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes.*

as recited in new independent Claim 48.

New claims **41-48** depend from Claim **40** and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as Claim **40**.

Accordingly, we submit that each of new Claims **39-48** contains allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

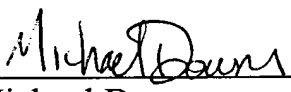
It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mtdowns@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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John R Paradiso

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/23/2004.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32-37 and 39-48.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 12 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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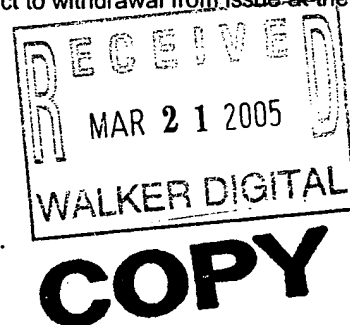
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/23/2004 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mike Downs on March 7, 2005.

3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a. In claim 39 between lines 11 and 12, the following words have been inserted:
- - storing an indication of the at least one selection in a database; - - .

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b. In claim 39 between lines 12 and 13, the following words have been inserted:

-- retrieving the at least one selection from the database; -- .

c. In claim 40 between lines 7 and 8, the following words have been inserted:

-- storing an indication of the preference in a database; -- .

d. In claim 40 between lines 8 and 9, the following words have been inserted:

-- retrieving an indication of the preference from the database; -- .

e. In the Specification, in paragraph [4] line 2, after "filed November 9, 1999, " the words -- now U.S. Patent 6,244,957, -- have been added.

f. In the Specification, in paragraph [4] line 4, the words

"December 30, 1996 and granted January 11, 2000" have been replaced with

-- December 30, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,012,983. --

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Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art could not alone or in combination anticipate or make obvious a method including receiving player preferences, storing them in a database, determining game outcome, then retrieving the preferences from the database.

The most pertinent prior art, SCHNEIER ET AL, discloses a method comprising entering a request for a lottery ticket and transmitting that request. It does not disclose storing or retrieving preferences from a database.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

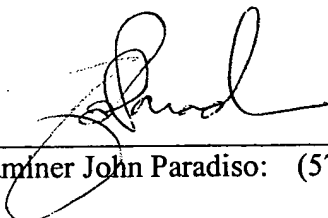
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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Paradiso. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 9:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at the number listed below.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the 3700 Technology Center Receptionist.



Examiner John Paradiso: (571) 272-4466

March 6, 2005

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Supervisor Rinaldi Rada: (571) 308-7135

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2. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

receiving from the player a preference for revealing game outcomes; and revealing at least one of the plurality of game outcomes via the communication device in accordance with the preference for revealing game outcomes. 5

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

revealing at least one of the plurality of game outcomes via the communication device in response to a signal from a lottery server. 10

4. The method of claim 1, in which transmitting the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device that is associated with the player in accordance with the at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes comprises: 15

transmitting a first game outcome to the communication device; and transmitting a second game outcome to the communication device a predetermined period of time after transmitting the first game outcome. 20

5. The method of claim 4, in which no request for delivery of the second game outcome is received from the player after the first game outcome is transmitted.

6. The method of claim 1, in which transmitting the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device that is associated with the player in accordance with the at least one preference for delivery of game outcomes comprises: 25

automatically transmitting at least one of the plurality of game outcomes to the communication device in accordance with a schedule. 30

7. A method comprising:

receiving a request by a player to purchase a plurality of lottery game outcomes;

receiving at least one selection by the player for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player, in which each selection comprises at least one of the following: 35

an indication of a time of day to provide a lottery game outcome to the player,

an indication of a number of a cellular telephone,

an indication of a period of time between delivery of lottery game outcomes, and storing an indication of the at least one selection in a database; 40

an indication of an e-mail address;

retrieving the at least one selection from the database;

determining a first lottery game outcome; 45

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communicating the first lottery game outcome to the player in accordance with the at least one selection for how lottery game outcomes are delivered to the player; and

updating a credit balance associated with the player based on the first lottery game outcome.

8. A method comprising:

receiving a request to provide a plurality of lottery game outcomes to a communication device of a player;

receiving from the communication device at least one parameter for providing lottery game outcomes to the player,

storing an indication of the preference in a database;

the at least one parameter including a preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes to the communication device;

retrieving an indication of the preference from the database;

determining a first lottery game outcome; and

transmitting the first lottery game outcome to the communication device in accordance with the preference for delivery of the lottery game outcomes.

9. The method of claim 8 in which the preference for delivery comprises at least one time of day at which to provide a lottery game outcome. 25

10. The method of claim 8 in which the preference for delivery comprises a period of time between providing lottery game outcomes.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

automatically transmitting a second lottery game outcome to the communication device after the period of time has passed since transmitting the first lottery game outcome.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein the preference for delivery comprises a format for outputting the lottery game outcomes at the communication device. 35

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the preference for delivery comprises a network address.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the network address comprises at least one of: 40

an e-mail address, and

an telephone number.

15. The method of claim 8, wherein the lottery game outcomes comprises predetermined outcomes. 45

16. The method of claim 8, wherein the lottery game outcomes comprises random outcomes.

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